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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of**

Kojima et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/773,573      **Group Art Unit:** 3679

**Filed:** February 9, 2004      **Examiner:** Joshua T. Kennedy

**For:** SECURING CLIP

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The Abstract has been amended and claims 12 - 20 are added. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.